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the FRIENDLY FOREST!

MIRROR, MIRROR!

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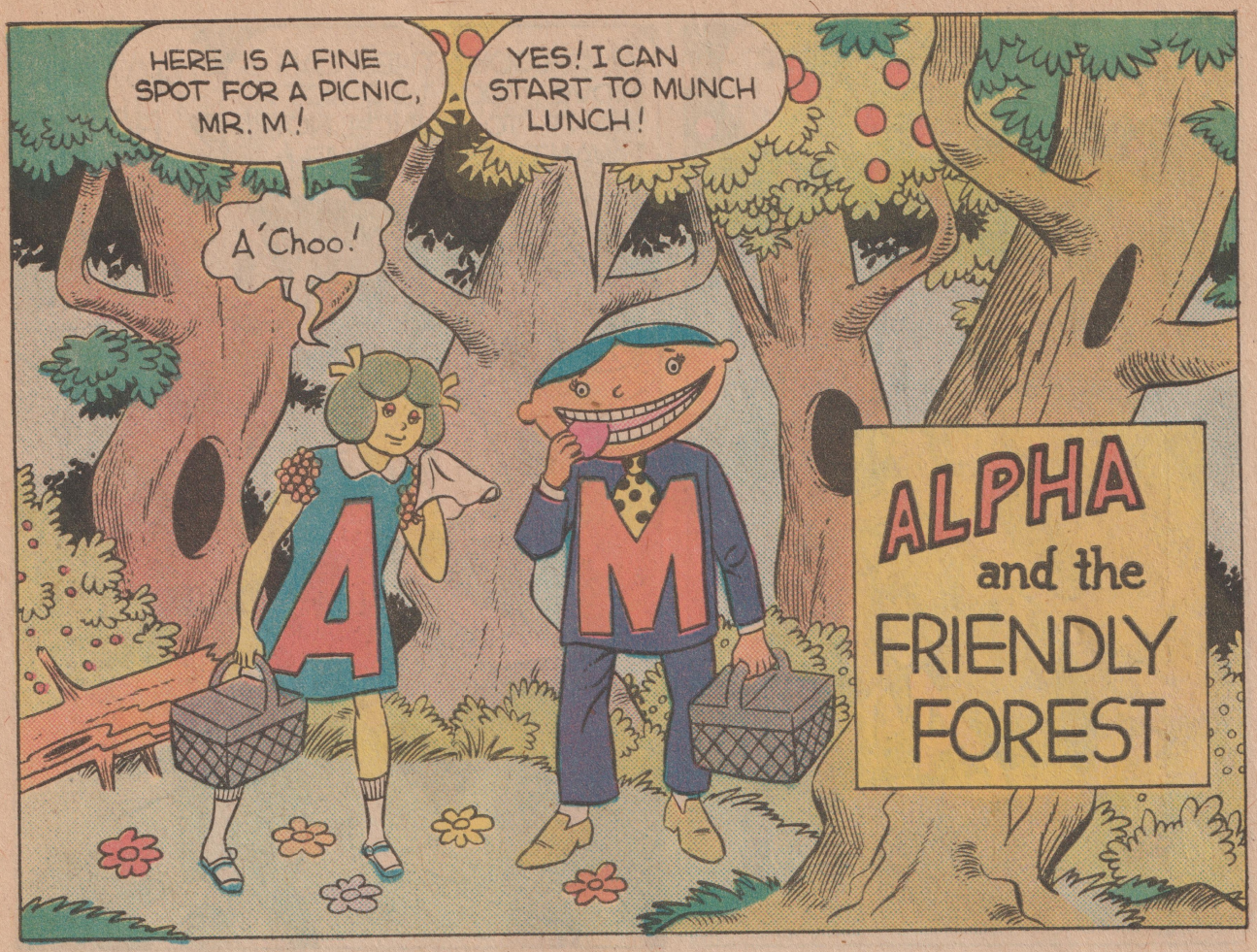
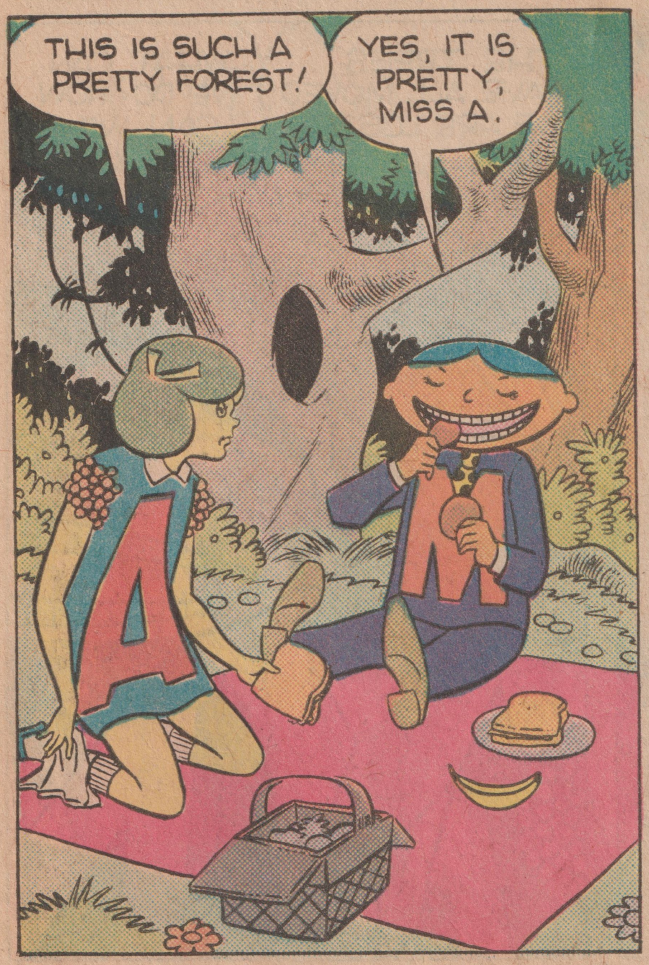
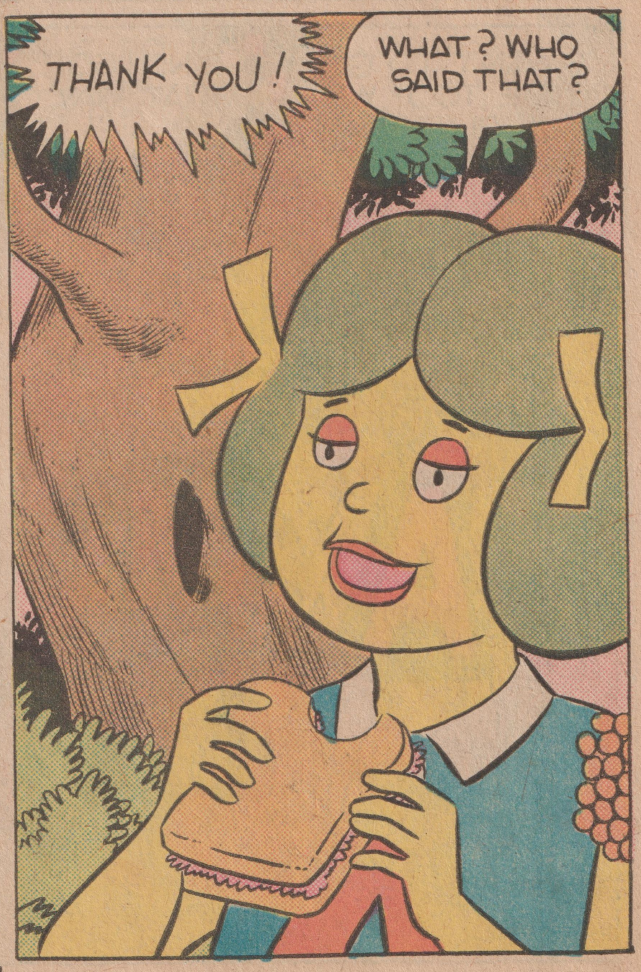
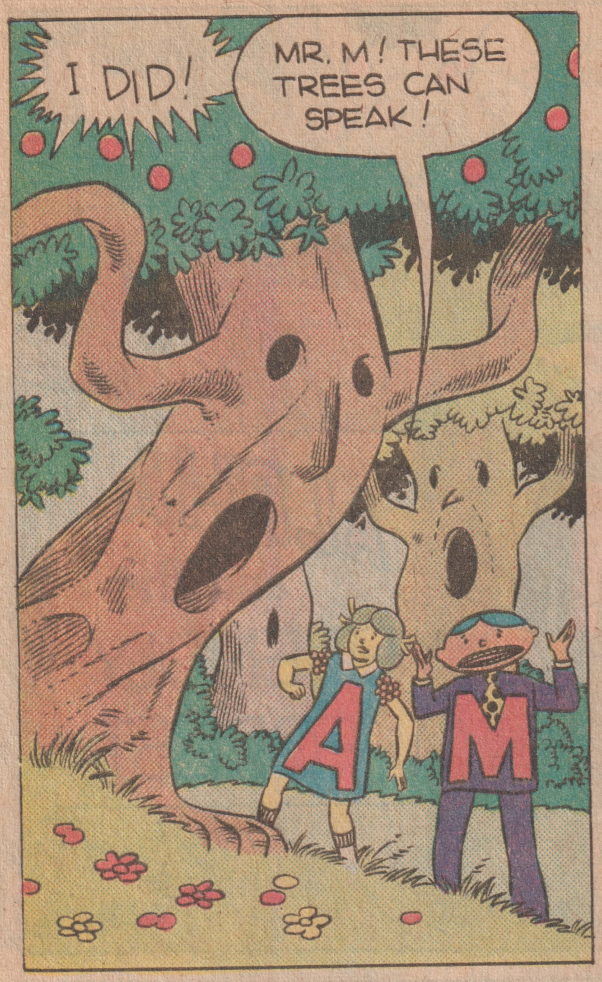
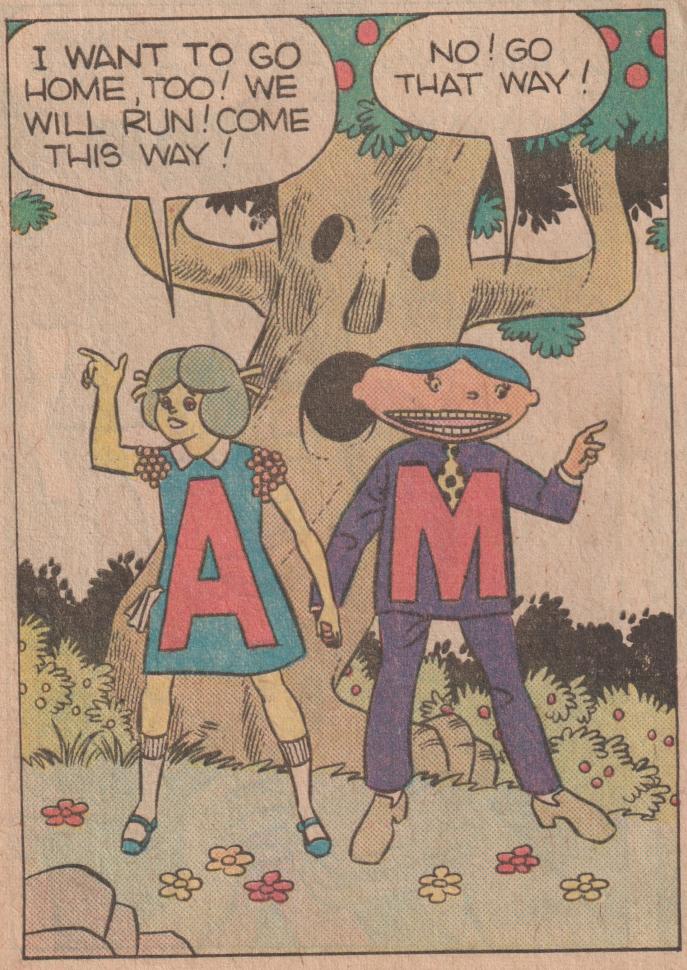

HERE IS A FINE SPOT FOR A PICNIC, MR. M!
YES! I CAN START TO MUNCH LUNCH!
A'Choo!
ALPHA and the FRIENDLY FOREST


THIS IS SUCH A PRETTY FOREST!
YES, IT IS PRETTY, MISS A.

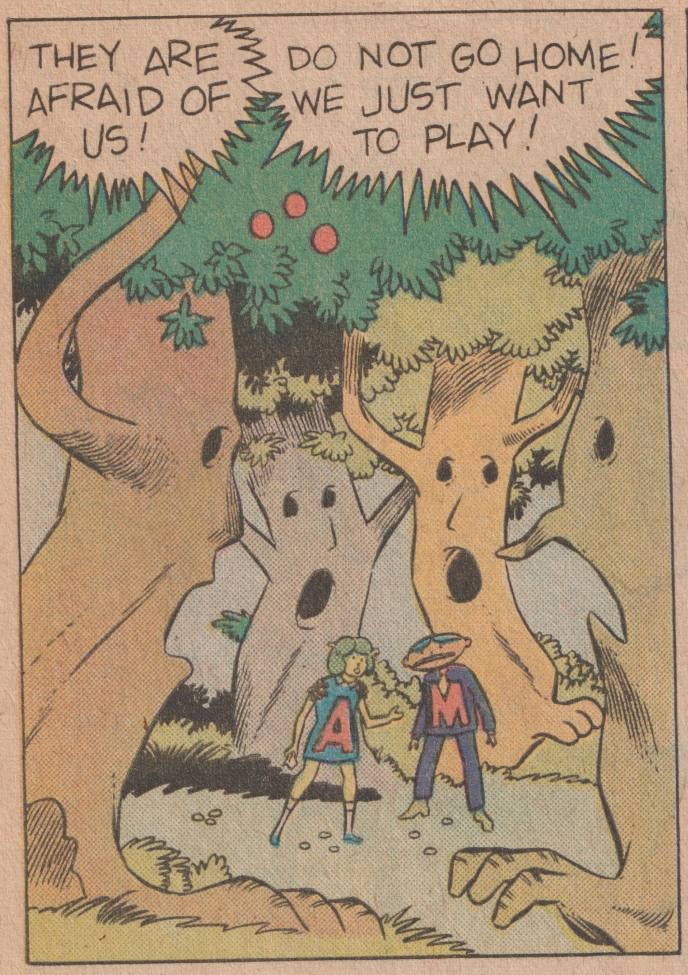

THANK YOU!
WHAT? WHO SAID THAT?


I DID!
MR. M! THESE TREES CAN SPEAK!
A
M

AND LOOK! THEY CAN MOVE, TOO! I DO NOT WANT TO MUNCH, NOW! I WANT TO GO HOME!
HO-HO HO!


I WANT TO GO HOME, TOO! WE WILL RUN! COME THIS WAY!
NO! GO THAT WAY!
A
M

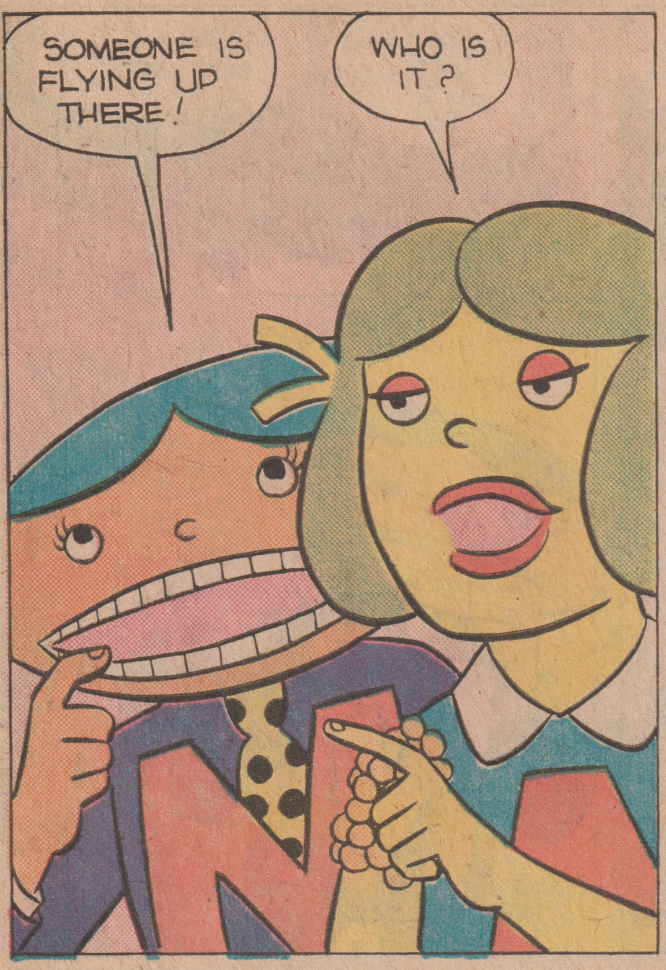
THE TREES HAVE ALL MOVED! WE ARE LOST!
WHAT CAN WE DO? HOW CAN WE GET OUT?
N

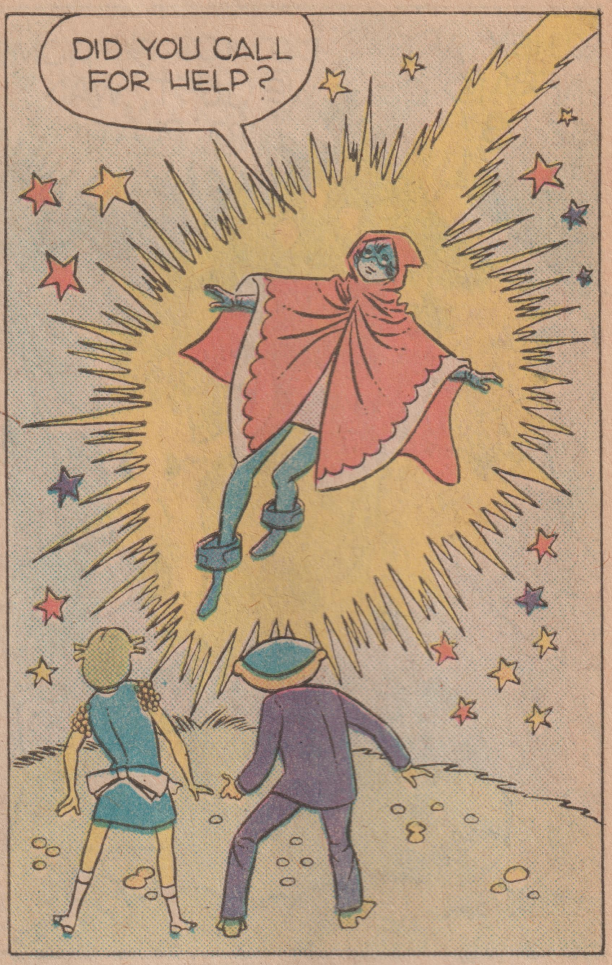

THEY ARE AFRAID OF US!
DO NOT GO HOME! WE JUST WANT TO PLAY!
A
M

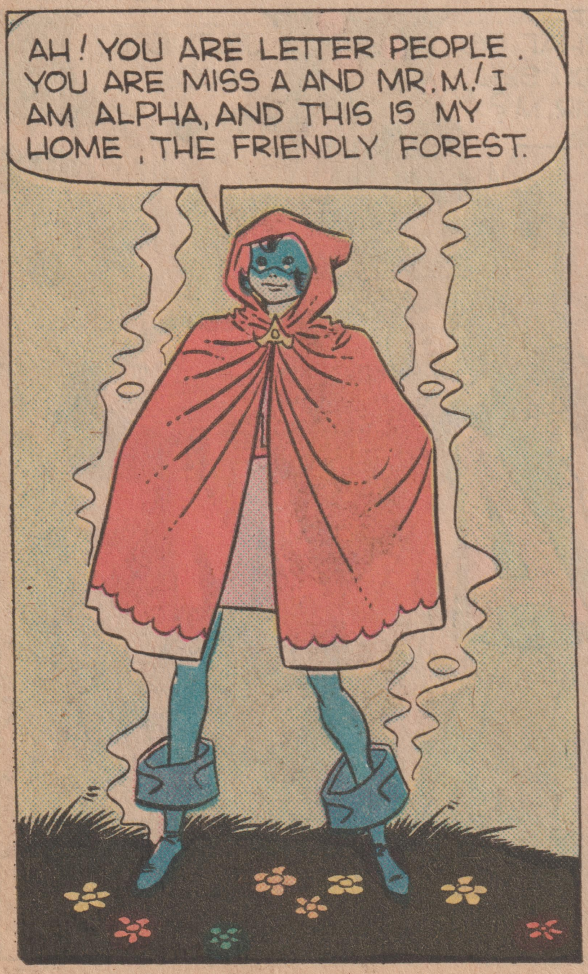
HOW CAN WE PLAY WITH A TREE?
WE MUST CALL FOR HELP!
M
A

HELP
HELP
M
A

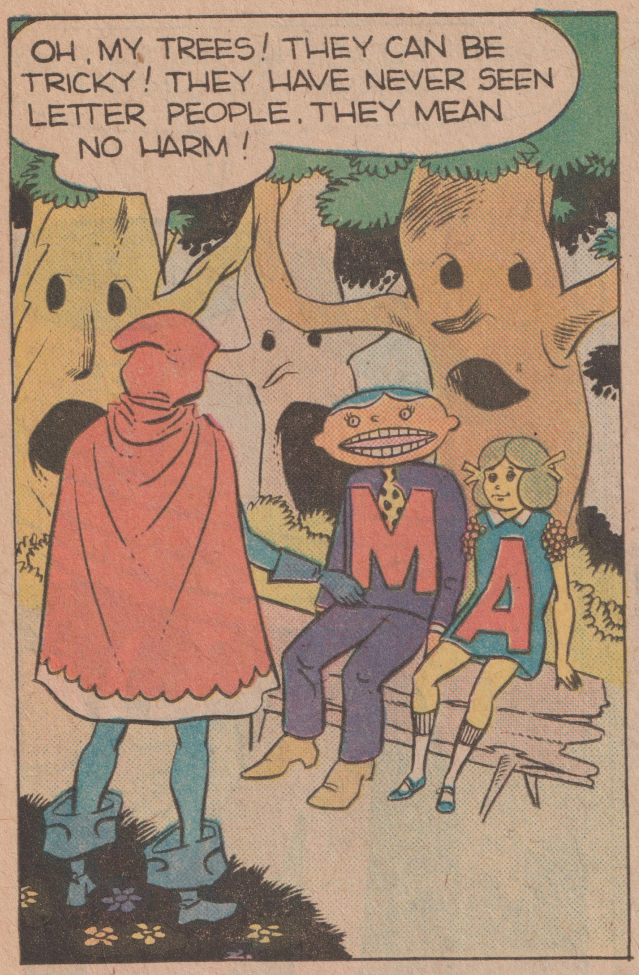
WHAT DO YOU SEE, MR. M?
UP THERE! LOOK!
A
M

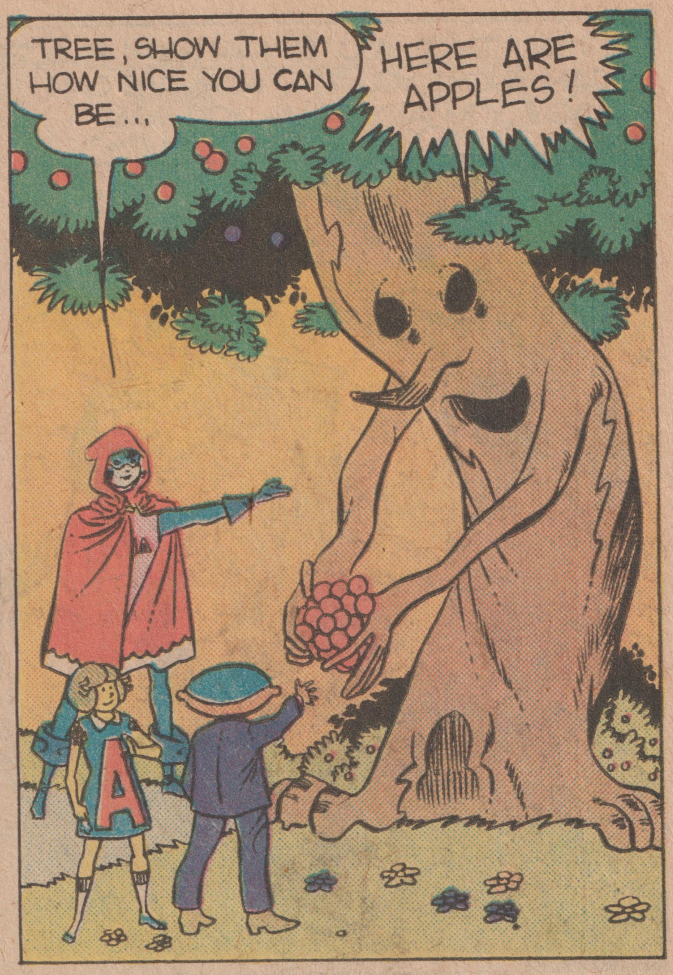

SOMEONE IS FLYING UP THERE!
WHO IS IT?

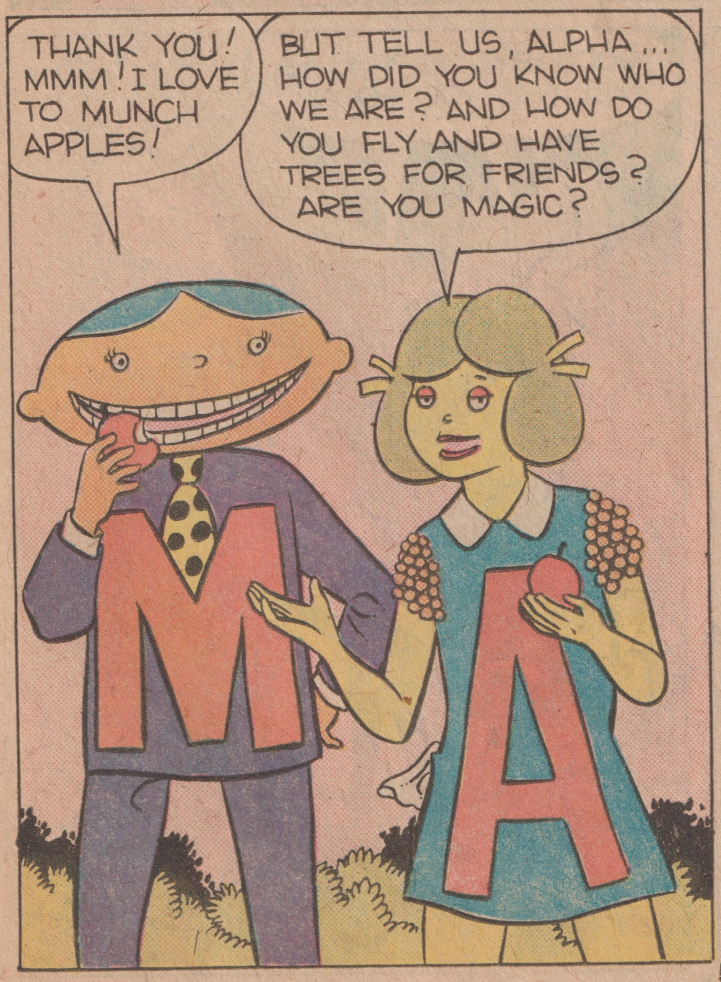

DID YOU CALL FOR HELP?


AH! YOU ARE LETTER PEOPLE. YOU ARE MISS A AND MR. M.! I AM ALPHA, AND THIS IS MY HOME, THE FRIENDLY FOREST.

WE LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE LETTER PEOPLE. WE CAME HERE FOR A PICNIC, BUT WE GOT LOST!
YES! THE TREES STARTED TO SPEAK AND MOVE! WE ARE AFRAID!
M
A

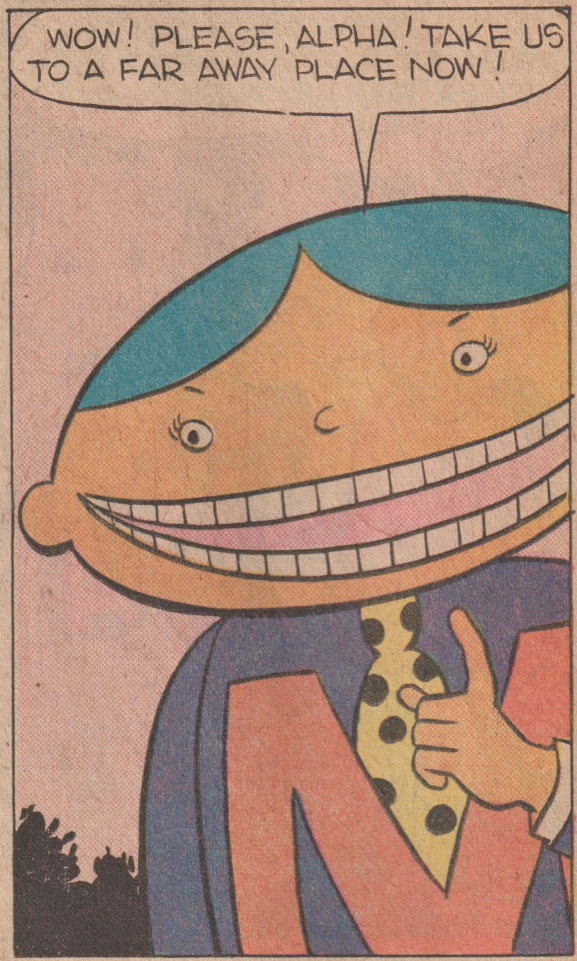

OH, MY TREES! THEY CAN BE TRICKY! THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN LETTER PEOPLE. THEY MEAN NO HARM!
M
A


TREE, SHOW THEM HOW NICE YOU CAN BE...
HERE ARE APPLES!
A

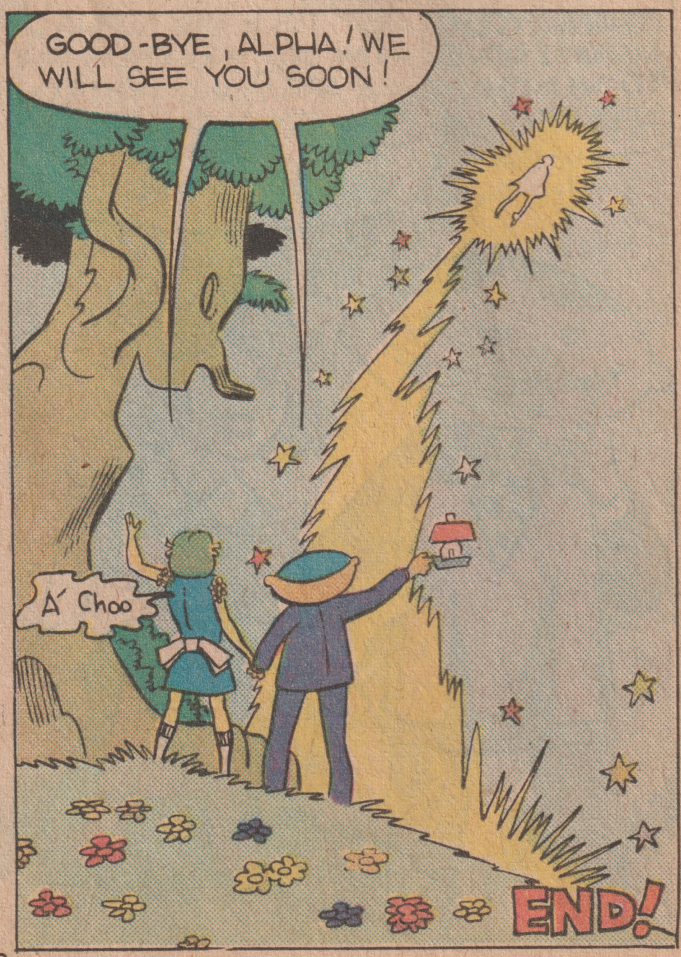

THANK YOU! MMM! I LOVE TO MUNCH APPLES!
BUT TELL US, ALPHA... HOW DID YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE? AND HOW DO YOU FLY AND HAVE TREES FOR FRIENDS? ARE YOU MAGIC?
M
A

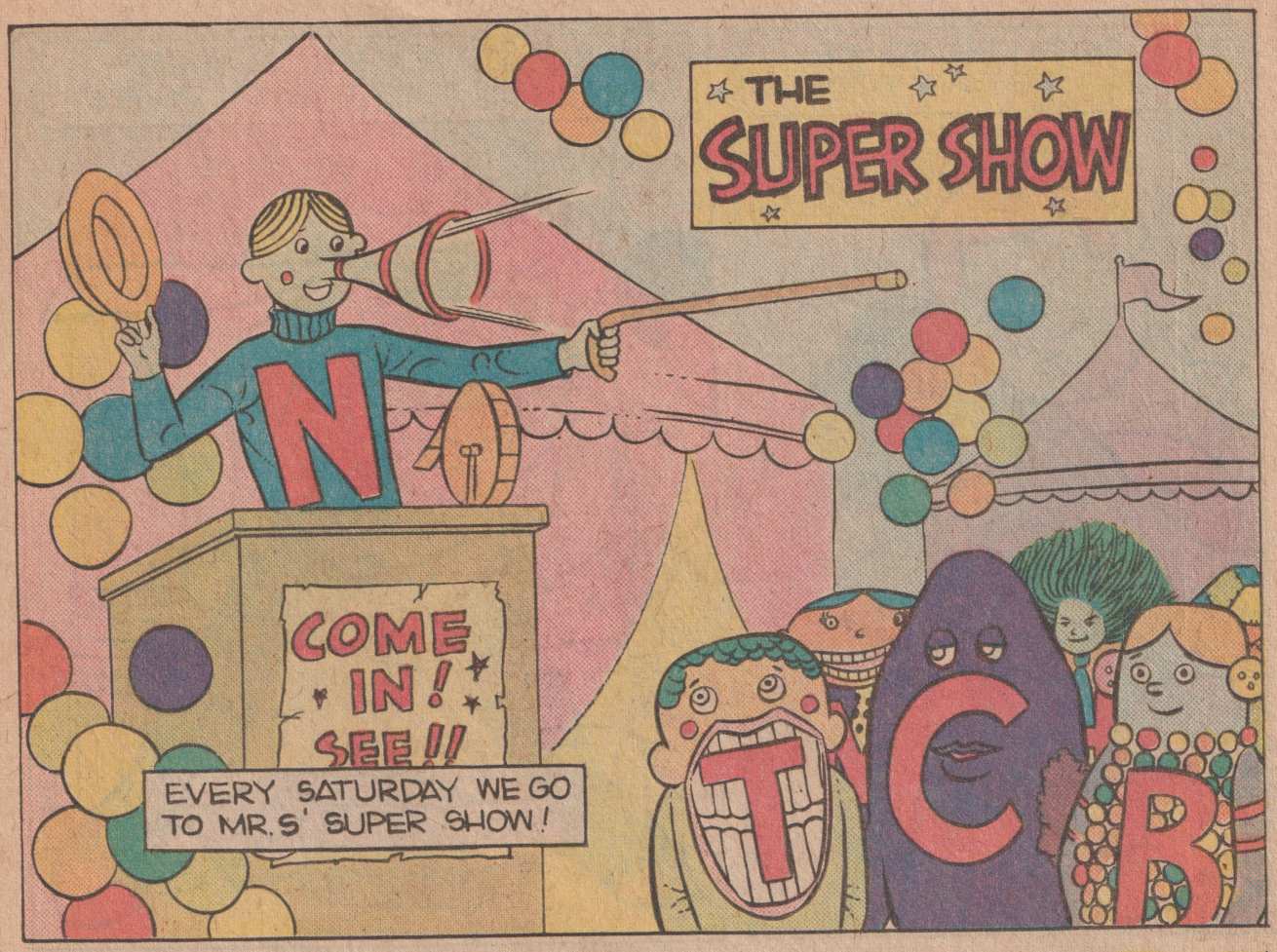
YES, I HAVE THE GREATEST MAGIC OF ALL! EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW IS IN MY PAGES! AND YOU ARE MAGIC, TOO... FOR ALL MY WORDS ARE MADE OF LETTERS LIKE YOU!

...I CAN TAKE YOU TO FAR AWAY PLACES! I CAN SHOW YOU THE WORLD! I CAN TEACH YOU ANYTHING YOU WANT!


WOW! PLEASE, ALPHA! TAKE US TO A FAR AWAY PLACE NOW!

NOT NOW, BUT SOON! TAKE THIS MAGIC LAMP AND SHARE IT WITH ALL THE LETTER PEOPLE! IF ANY OF YOU LIGHT THE LAMP I WILL COME!
THE TREES WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY OUT... GOOD-BYE FOR NOW!
ALPHA


GOOD-BYE, ALPHA! WE WILL SEE YOU SOON!
A' Choo
END!


THE SUPER SHOW
N
COME IN! SEE!!
EVERY SATURDAY WE GO TO MR. S' SUPER SHOW!
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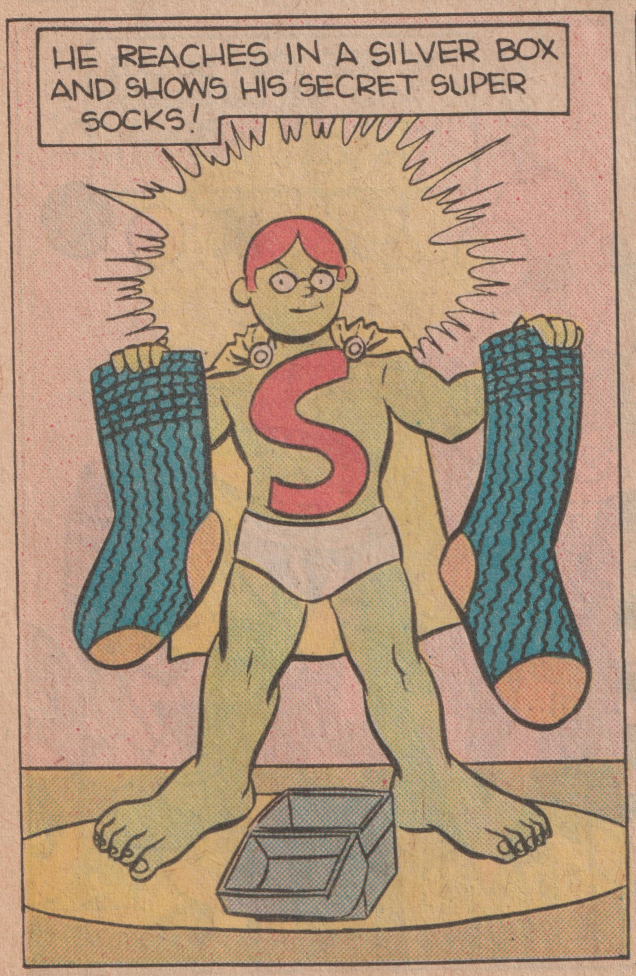
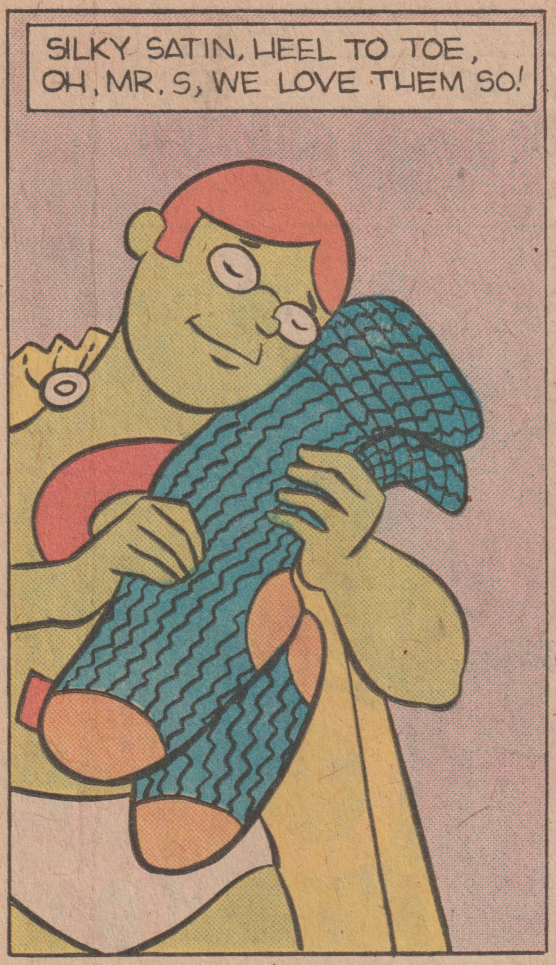
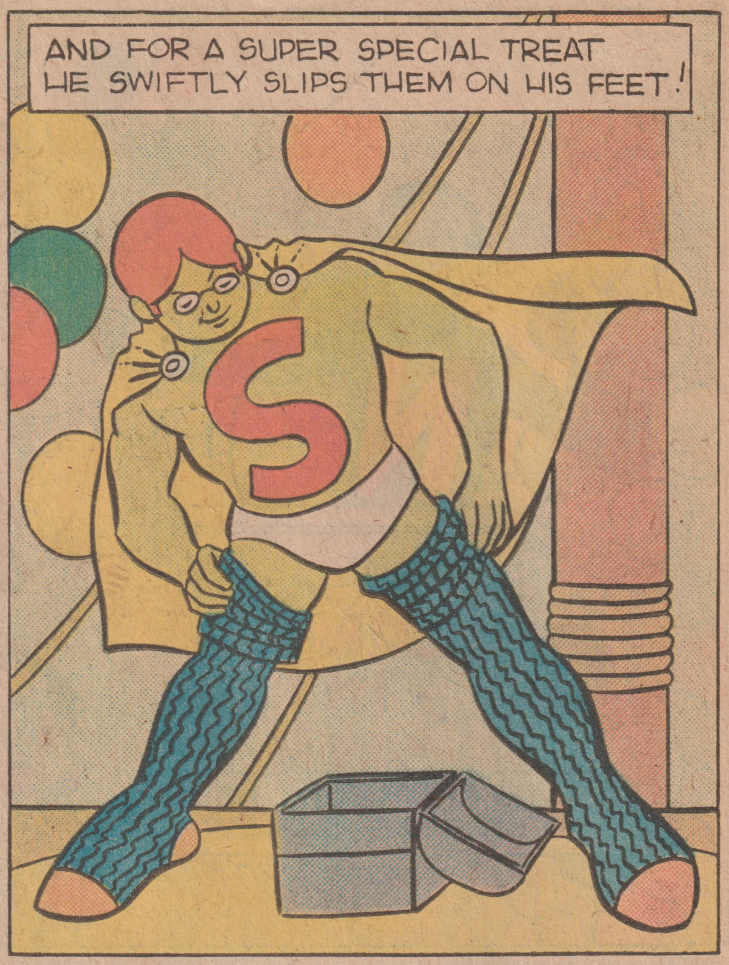
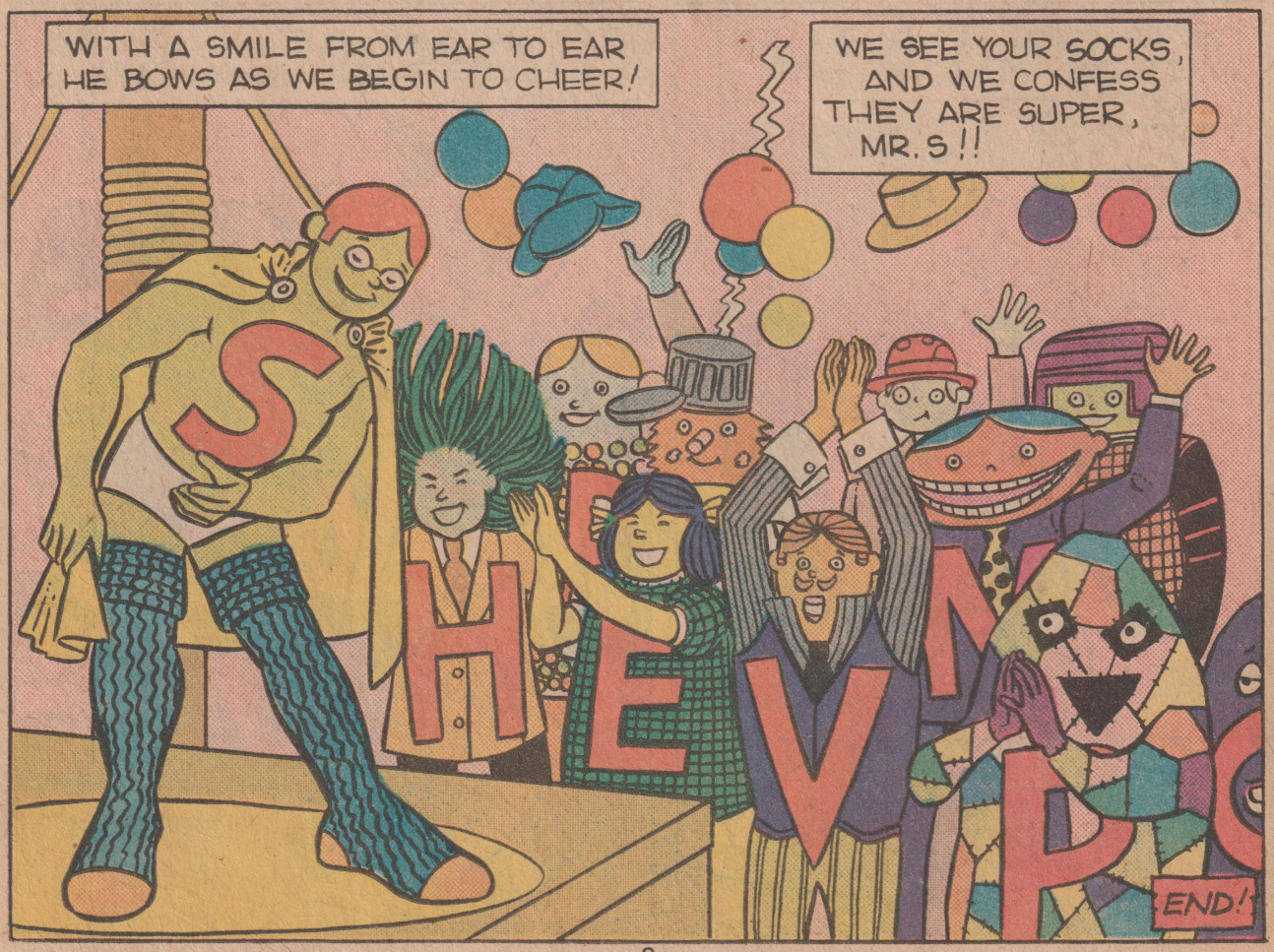
C
B


HE REACHES IN A SILVER BOX AND SHOWS HIS SECRET SUPER SOCKS!
S

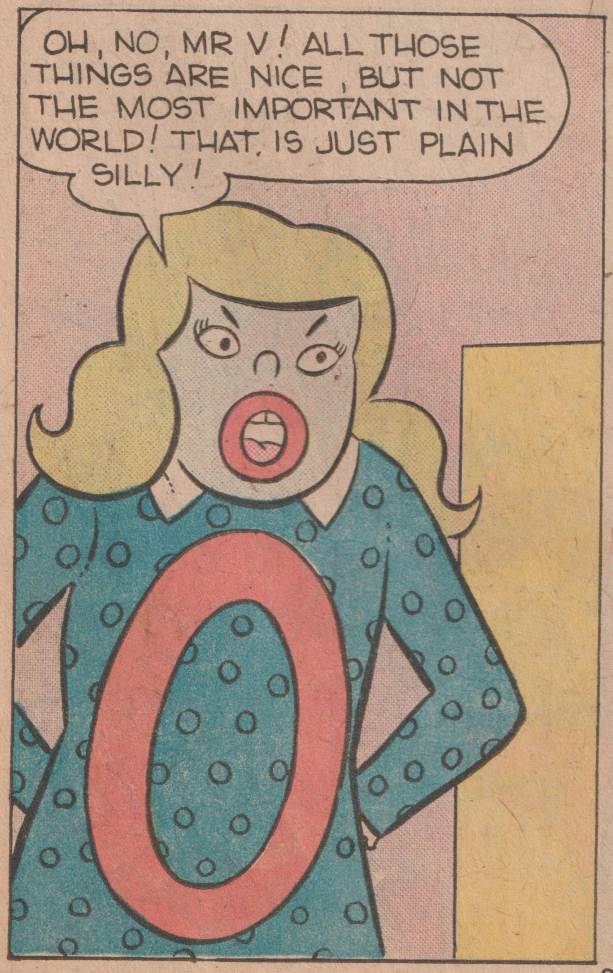
SOFT AND SHINY, SLEEK AND GRAND! THE SLICKEST SOCKS IN ALL THE LAND!

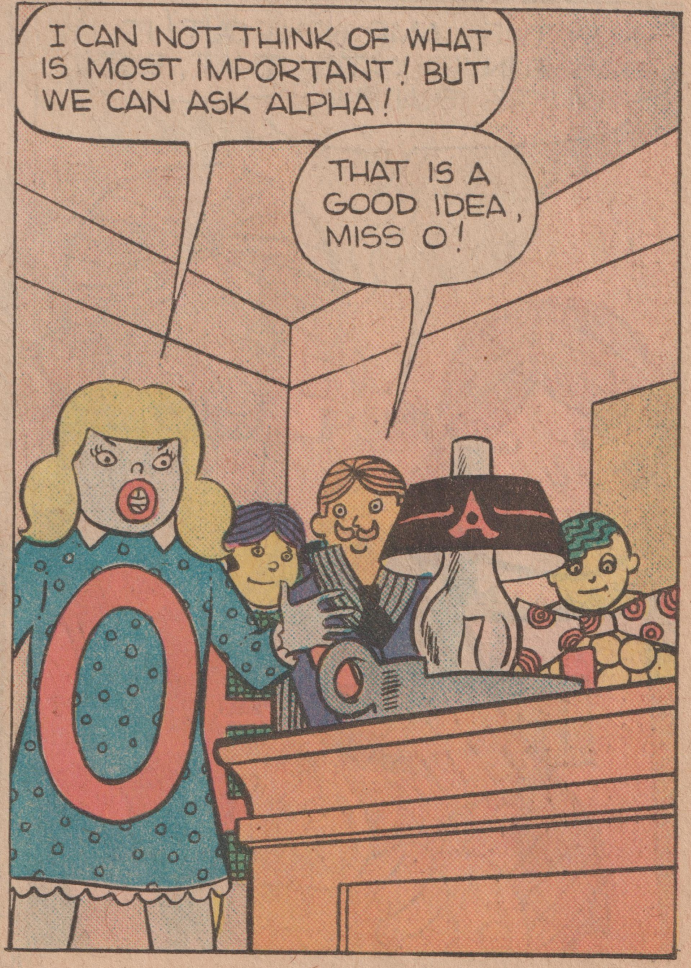

SILKY SATIN, HEEL TO TOE,
OH, MR. S, WE LOVE THEM SO!

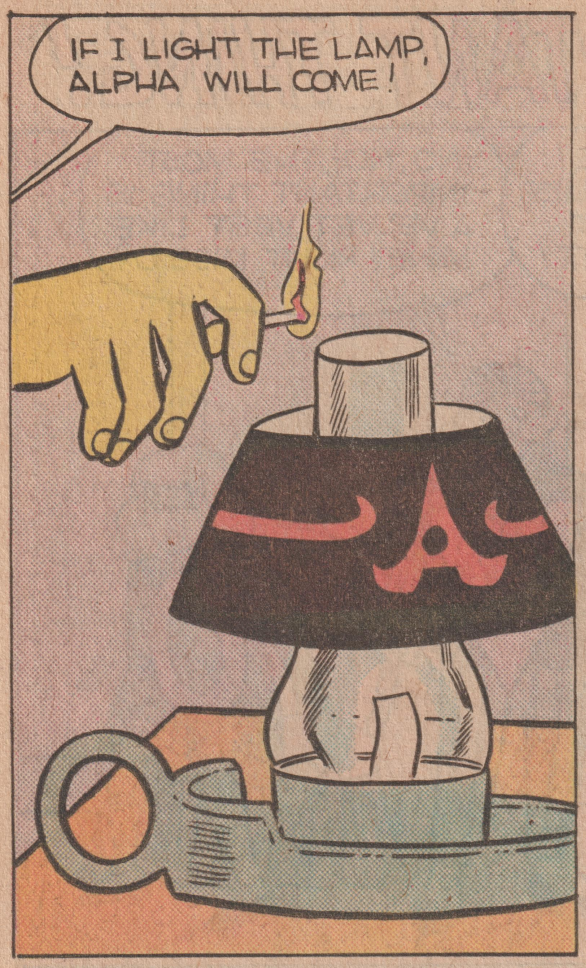

AND FOR A SUPER SPECIAL TREAT
HE SWIFTLY SLIPS THEM ON HIS FEET!


WITH A SMILE FROM EAR TO EAR
HE BOWS AS WE BEGIN TO CHEER!
WE SEE YOUR SOCKS,
AND WE CONFESS
THEY ARE SUPER,
MR. S!!
END!

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING!





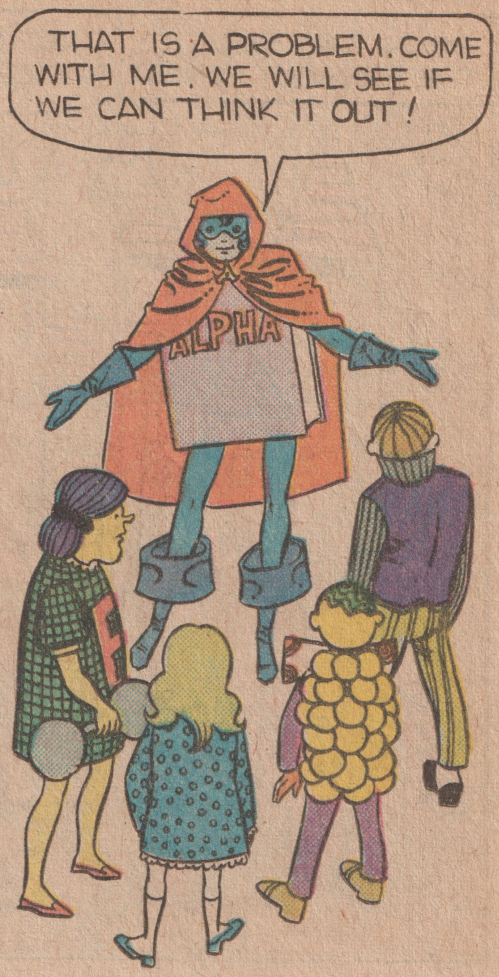

IF I LIGHT THE LAMP, ALPHA WILL COME!

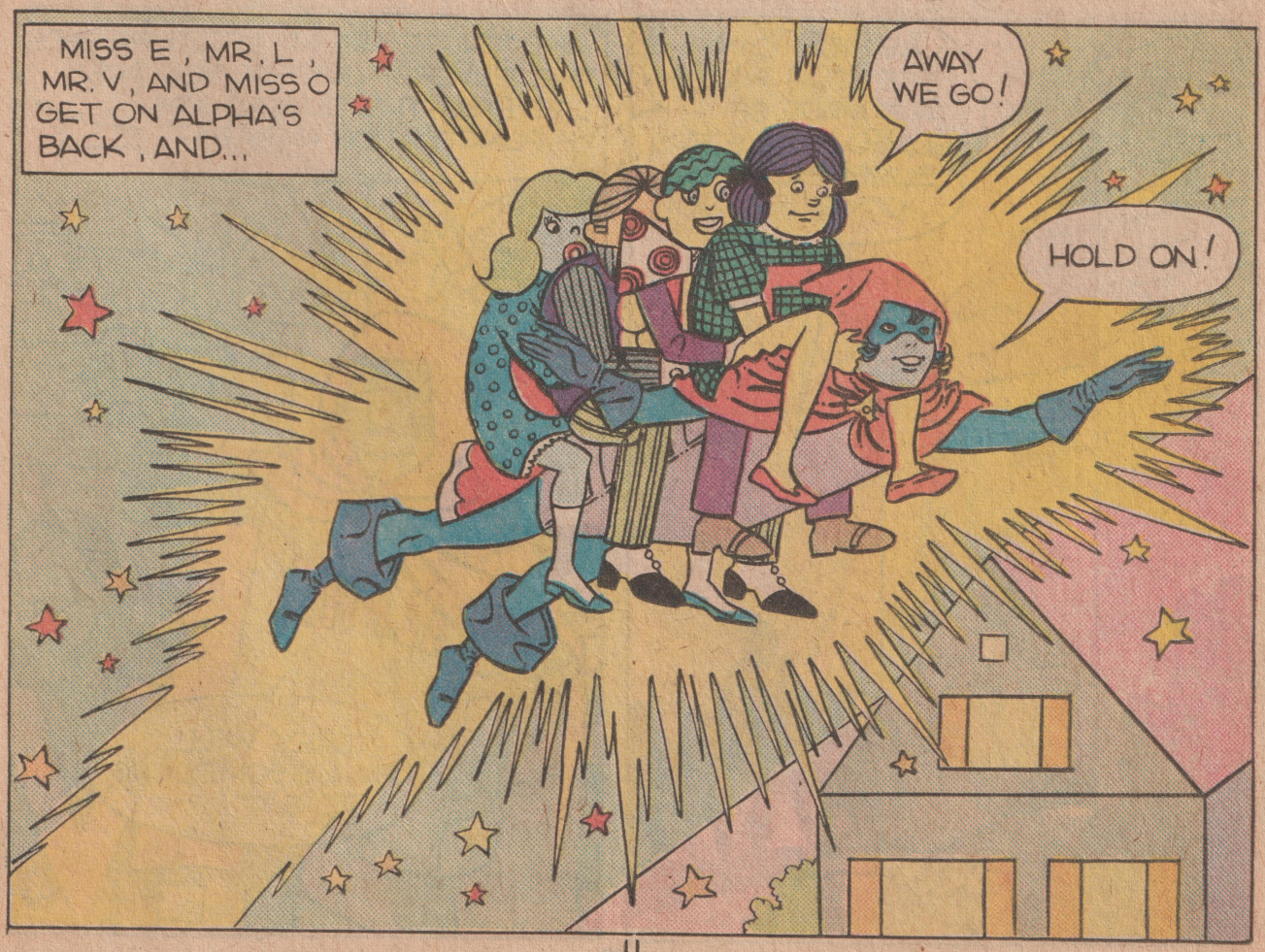
WOW!

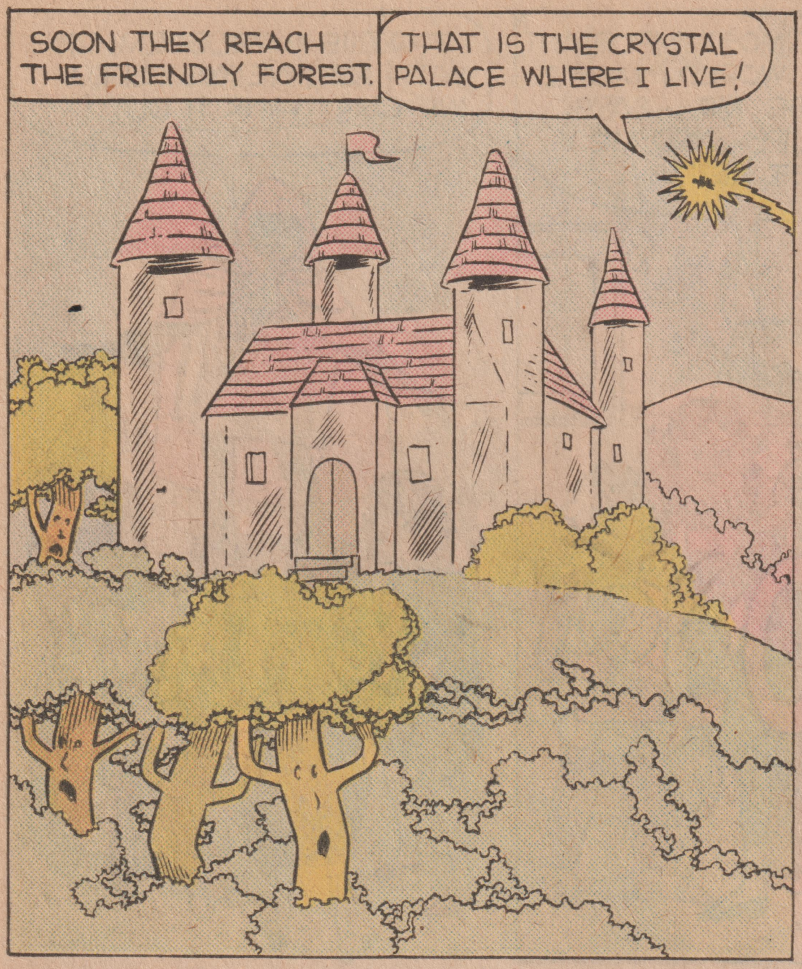
NOW THE LAMP WENT OUT! IT WAS FUN TO WATCH THAT, BUT WHERE IS ALPHA?

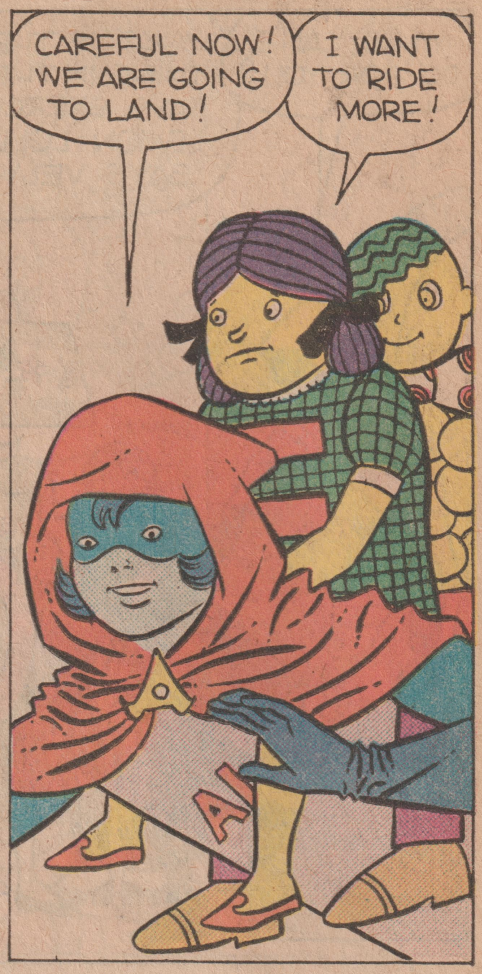
IN BACK OF YOU, MR. V!
I SAID ALPHA WOULD COME!
IT IS ALPHA!
ALPHA
YOU DID NOT!

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD? MISS E SAYS EXERCISE, MR. L SAYS LEMON LOLLIES, AND MR. V SAYS VELVET VESTS!
ALPHA
VOLE


THAT IS A PROBLEM. COME WITH ME. WE WILL SEE IF WE CAN THINK IT OUT!
ALPHA

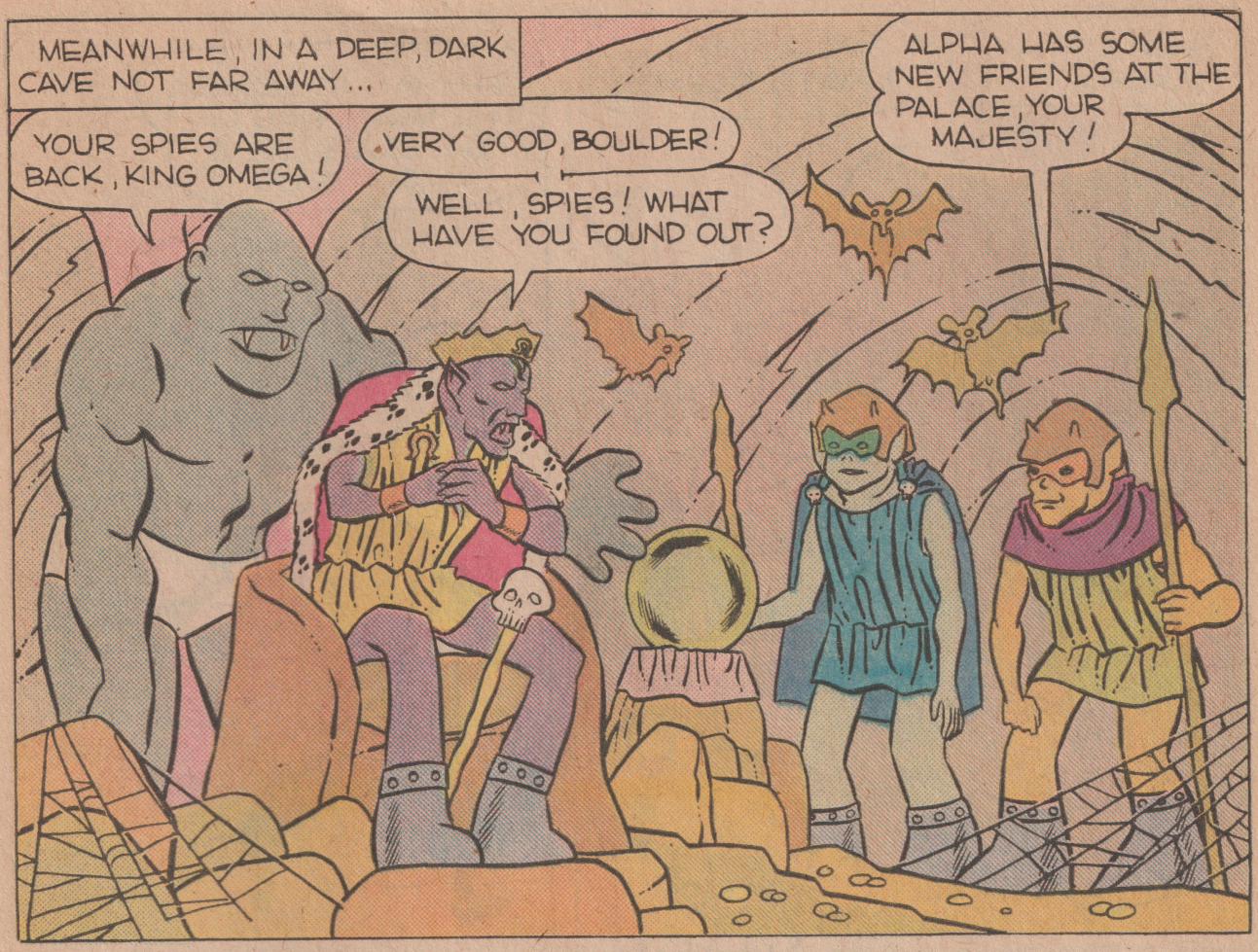

MISS E, MR. L, MR. V, AND MISS O GET ON ALPHA'S BACK, AND...
AWAY WE GO!
HOLD ON!


SOON THEY REACH THE FRIENDLY FOREST.
THAT IS THE CRYSTAL PALACE WHERE I LIVE!

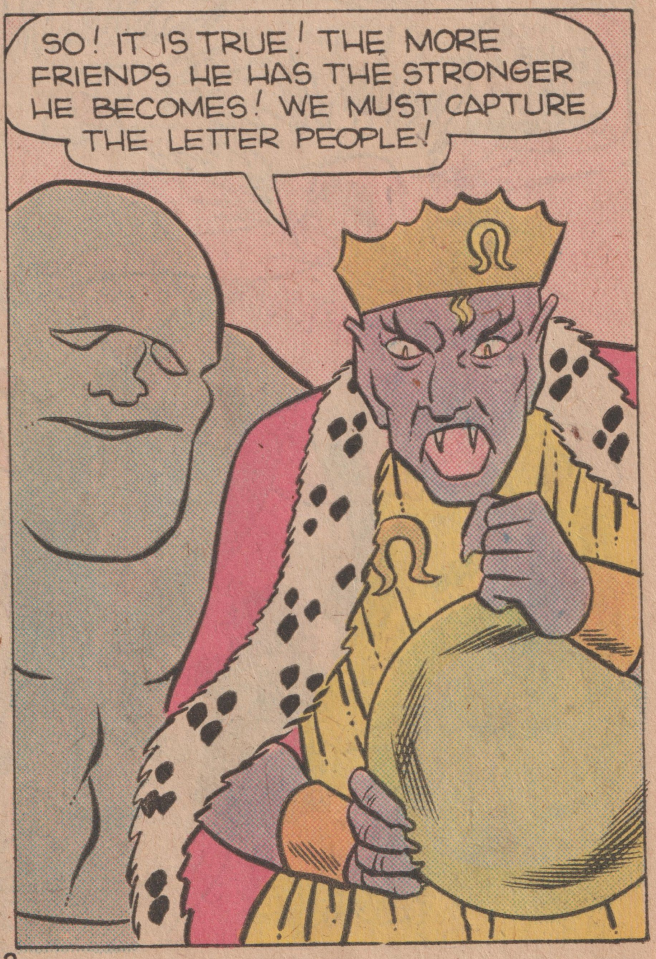

CAREFUL NOW! WE ARE GOING TO LAND!
I WANT TO RIDE MORE!

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE WALLS ARE MADE OF GLASS! I LIKE THE SUNSHINE TO COME IN!

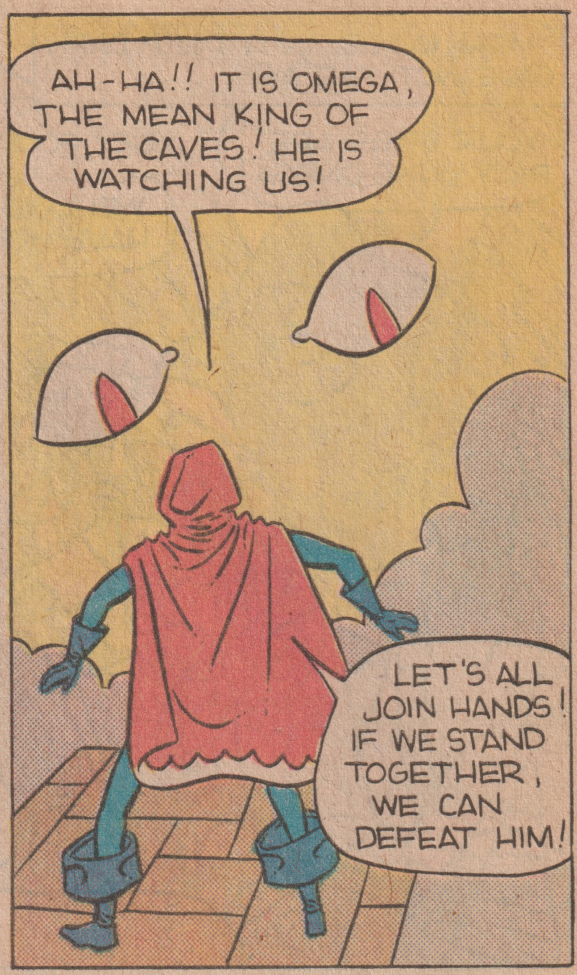
AND THESE ARE MY LITTLE FRIENDS, THE ELVERS! JUST AS YOU ARE LETTERS, THE ELVERS ARE PUNCTUATION MARKS!
ALPHA
THEY WILL FIX US SOMETHING TO EAT!


MEANWHILE, IN A DEEP, DARK CAVE NOT FAR AWAY...
YOUR SPIES ARE BACK, KING OMEGA!
VERY GOOD, BOULDER!
WELL, SPIES! WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND OUT?
ALPHA HAS SOME NEW FRIENDS AT THE PALACE, YOUR MAJESTY!

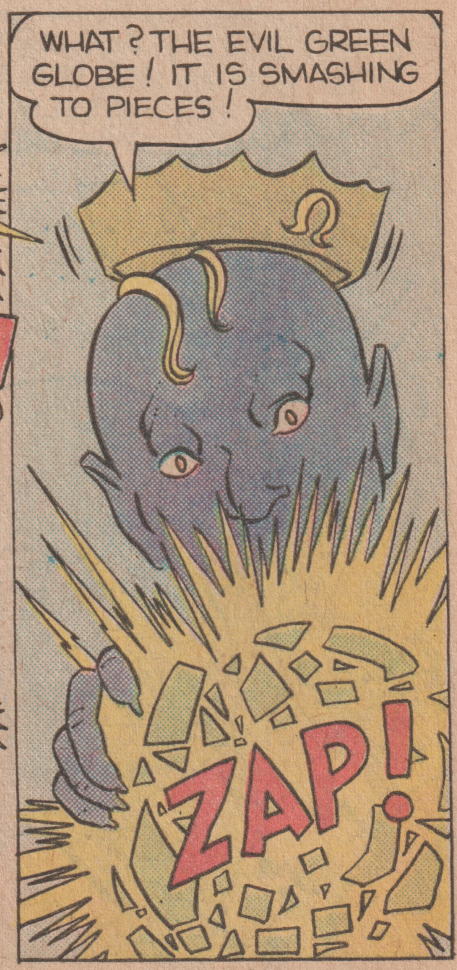
ALPHA? BAH! LET ME SEE THIS FOR MYSELF IN THE EVIL GREEN GLOBE...
ALPHA

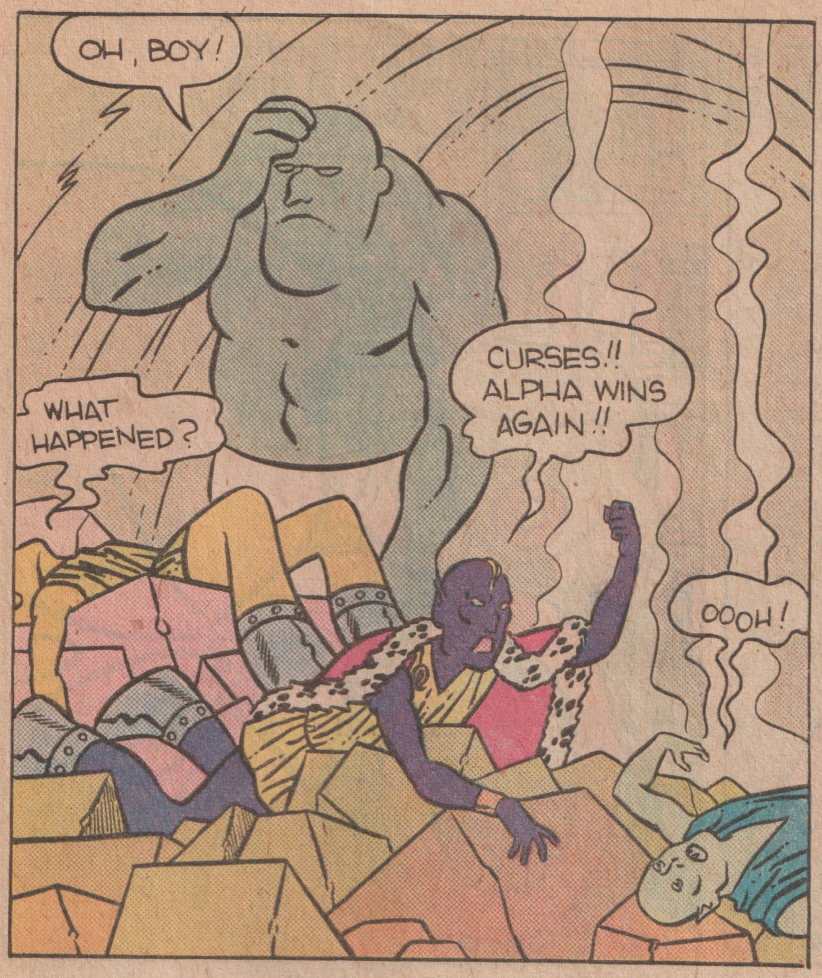

SO! IT IS TRUE! THE MORE FRIENDS HE HAS THE STRONGER HE BECOMES! WE MUST CAPTURE THE LETTER PEOPLE!

BACK AT THE PALACE...
IT IS FUN TO BE WITH FRIENDS!
ALPHA! LOOK!
ALPHA

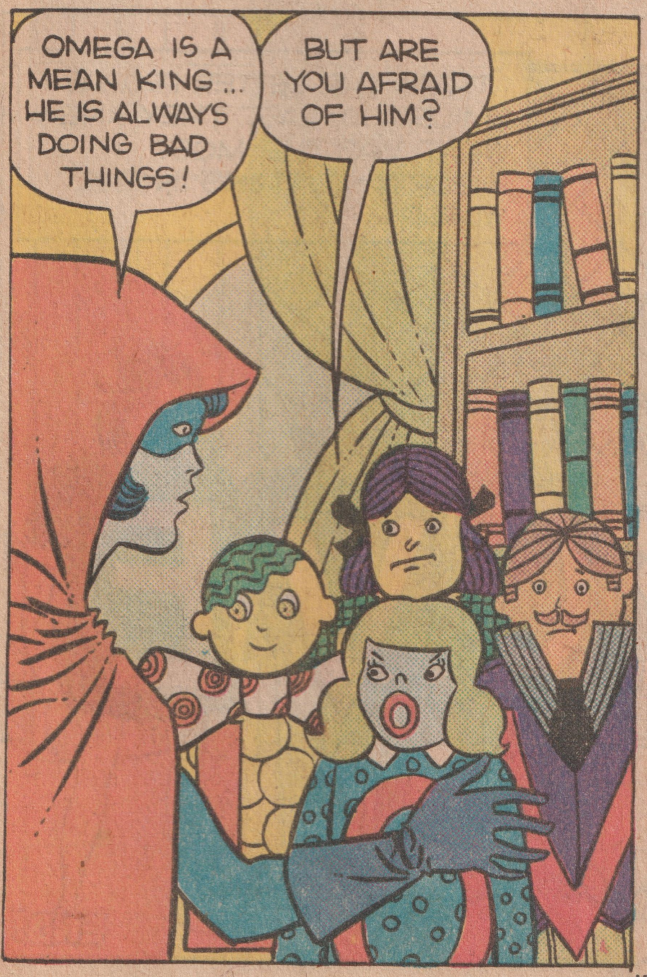

AH-HA!! IT IS OMEGA, THE MEAN KING OF THE CAVES! HE IS WATCHING US!
LET'S ALL JOIN HANDS! IF WE STAND TOGETHER, WE CAN DEFEAT HIM!

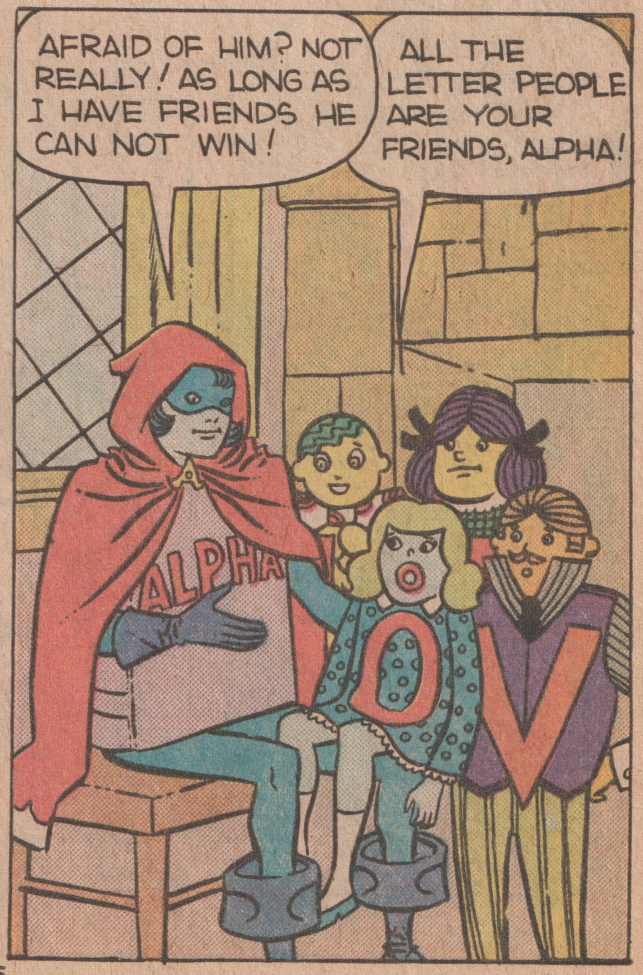
TAKE THAT OMEGA!
ALPHA
ZAP!

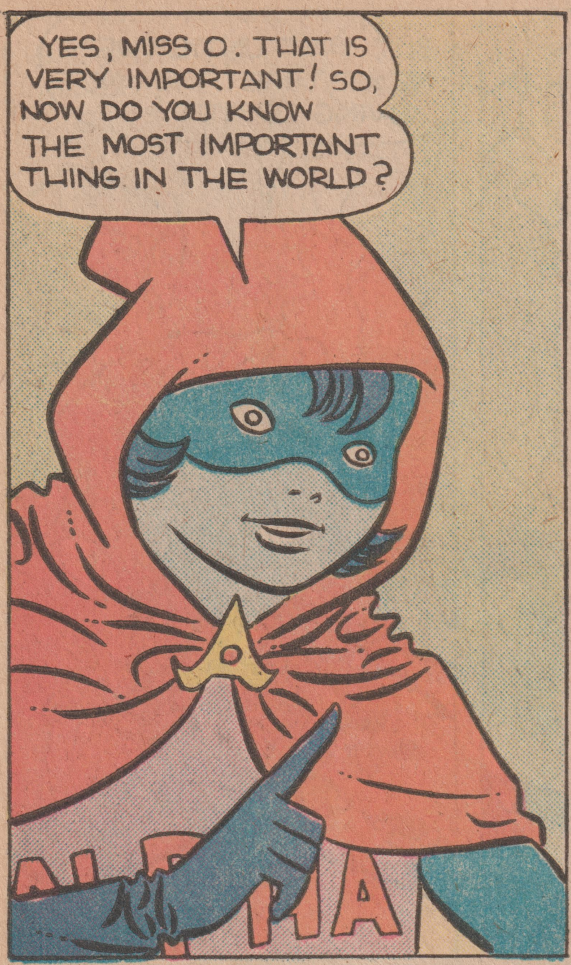

WHAT? THE EVIL GREEN GLOBE! IT IS SMASHING TO PIECES!
ZAP!

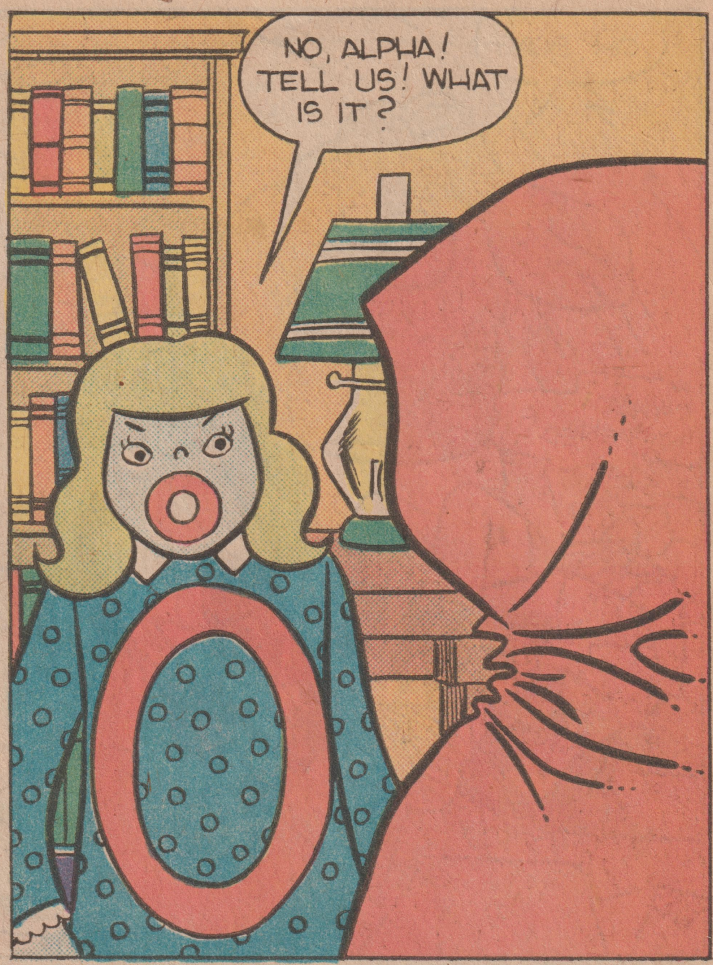

OH, BOY!
WHAT HAPPENED?
CURSES!! ALPHA WINS AGAIN!!
OOOH!

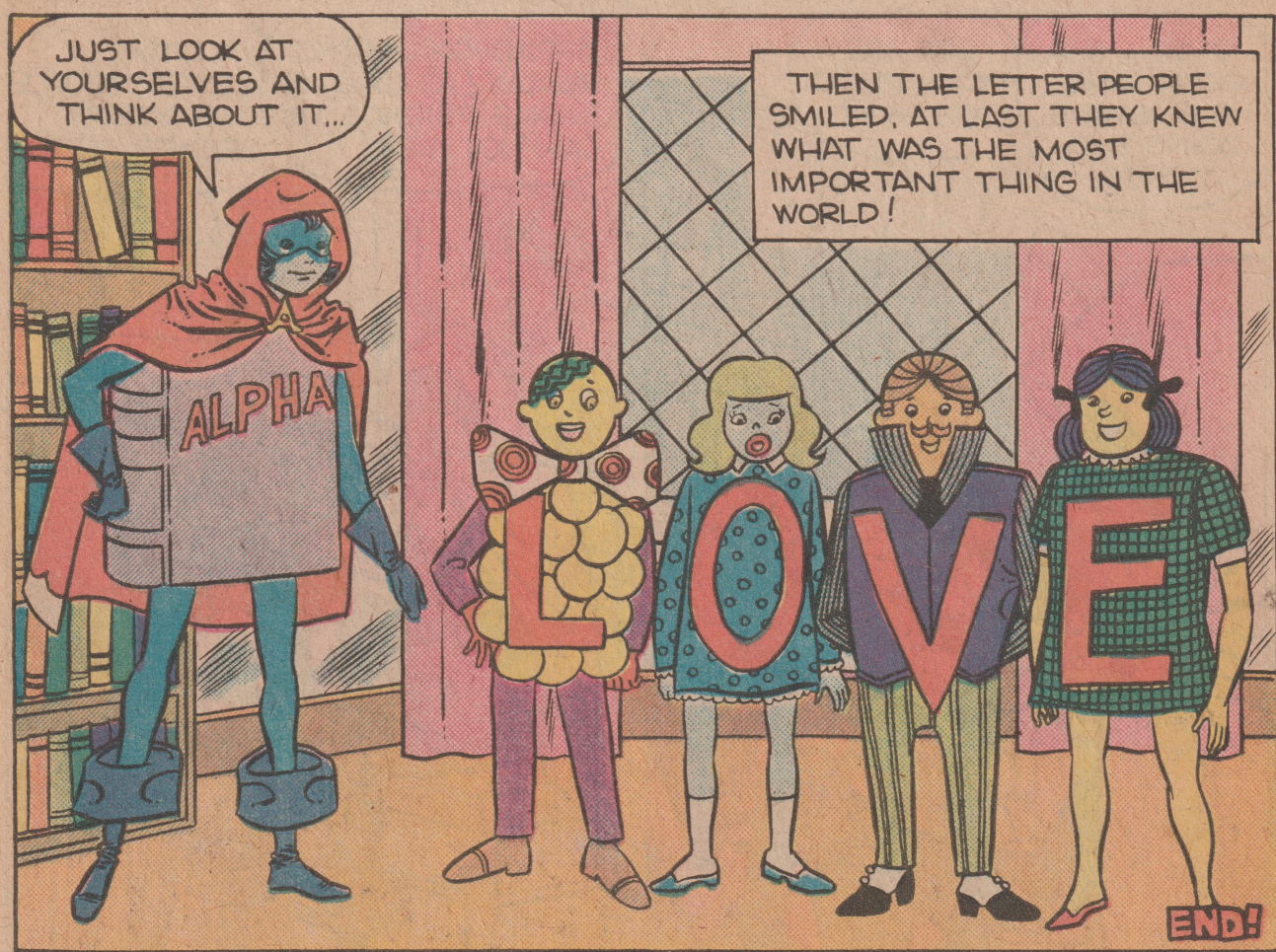
BUT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT TIME! I AM NOT GIVING UP YET!


OMEGA IS A MEAN KING... HE IS ALWAYS DOING BAD THINGS!
BUT ARE YOU AFRAID OF HIM?


AFRAID OF HIM? NOT REALLY! AS LONG AS I HAVE FRIENDS HE CAN NOT WIN!
ALL THE LETTER PEOPLE ARE YOUR FRIENDS, ALPHA!


YES, MISS O. THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT! SO, NOW DO YOU KNOW THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD?


NO, ALPHA! TELL US! WHAT IS IT?


JUST LOOK AT YOURSELVES AND THINK ABOUT IT...
ALPHA
THEN THE LETTER PEOPLE SMILED. AT LAST THEY KNEW WHAT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD!
LOVE
END!

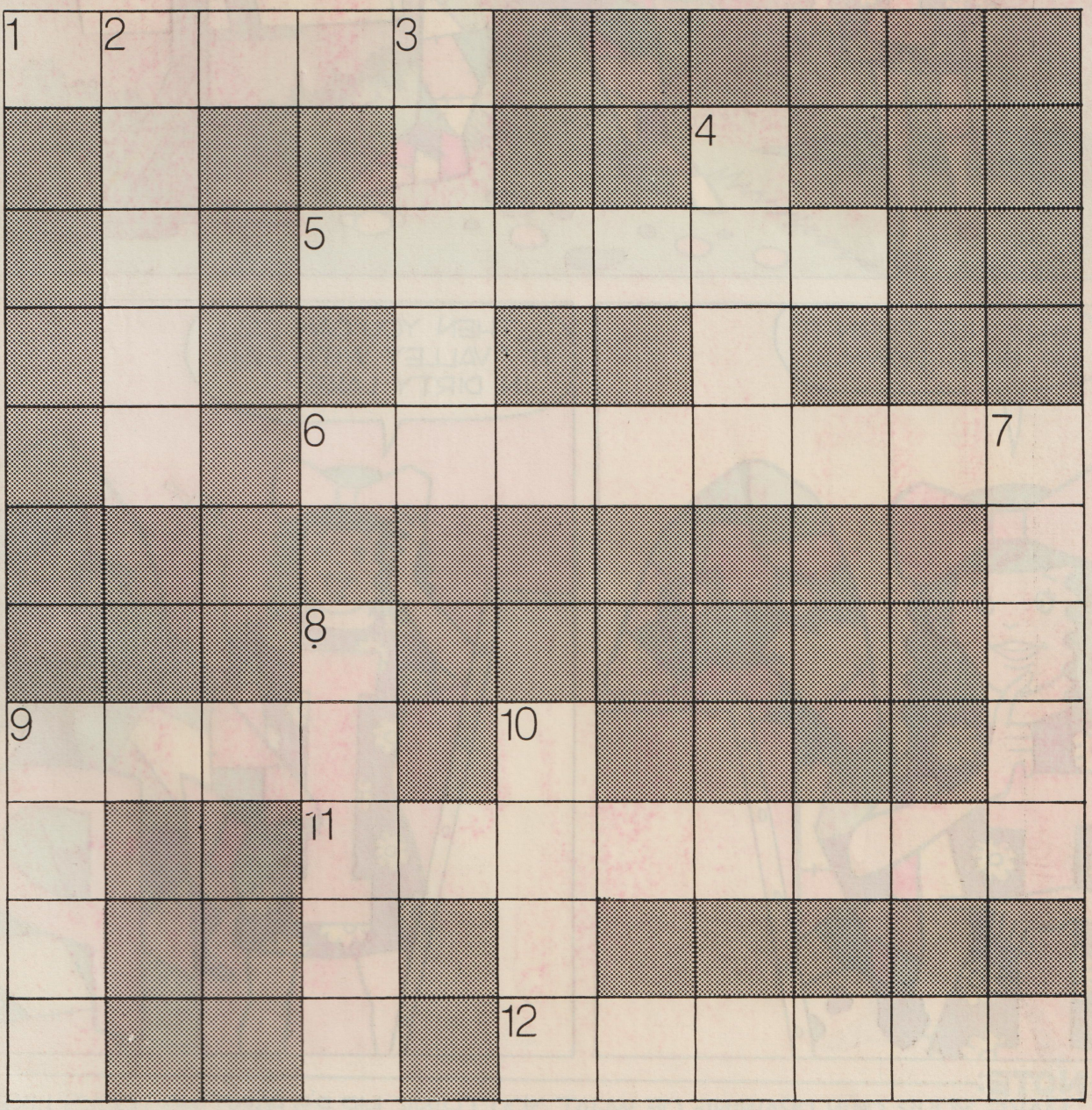
ALPHA PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. _____ IS A MEAN KING.
5. THE FRIENDLY TREE GAVE MISS A AND MR. M SOME _____.
6. MR. P MADE A PRETTY_____.
9. ALPHA WILL COME WHEN THE LETTER PEOPLE LIGHT THE____.
11. MISS E LOVES TO _____.
12. MISS A AND MR. M WENT ON A _____.

DOWN

2. MR. M LIKES TO MUNCH_____.
3. _____ IS A FRIEND OF THE LETTER PEOPLE.
4. MR. V HAS A VELVET ____.
7. OMEGA CAN SEE ALPHA IN THE EVIL GREEN _____.
8. THE TREES CAN _____ AND MOVE.
9. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD IS ____.
10. MISS A AND MR. M GOT LOST AND CALLED FOR ____.



(SEE ANSWERS ON INSIDE FRONT COVER)

NOTE: MAKE YOUR OWN DRAWING OF WHAT YOU THINK MR.P'S PAINTING LOOKS LIKE!